IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

Divisional

Patent Application of

Sauro Tronchetti

Divided from Serial No. 09/312,531

Filed: May 14, 1999

"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EMBOSSING SHEET MATERIALS SUCH AS PAPER WEBS AND DIAPER BACKSHEETS"

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the above-identified divisional application, please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fee:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 to read as follows:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/312,531, filed on May 14, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 08/816,345, filed March 13, 1997, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/122,120, filed March 1, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-18.

Respectfully submitted,

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